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1. SUMMARY: ALGERIAN PRESS HAS REACTED VIOLENTLY TO NEWS THAT WESTERN POWERS ARE TO MEET IN PARIS TO DISCUSS AFRICA. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIALS, ALL PAPERS HAVE ATTACKED MEETING AS NEW "CONFERENCE OF BERLIN" MEANT TO RENEW WESTERN SPHERES OF INFLUENCE AND INTENSIFY ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF CONTINENT. PAPERS HAVE STRONGLY CHALLENGED WESTERN ASSESIONS THAT CONTINENT IS THREATENED BY SOVIET/CUBAN INTERVENTION, ASSERTING IN THEIR OWN TURN THAT WHAT REALLY AILS CONTINENT IS CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF REGIMES WHOSE TIME HAS PASSED. "CERTAIN OIL-RICH ARAB STATES" COME IN FOR HEAVY FIRE AS SUPPOERTERS OF THESE REGIMES ALONG WITH WEST. END SUMMARY.

2. ALGERIAN PRESS HAS REACTED WITH UNUSUAL VIOLENCE TO NEWS THAT
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WESTERN POWERS ARE PLANNING TO MEET IN PARIS TO DISCUSS AFRICA. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIALS CLEARLY INSPIRED BY MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, ALL ALGERIAN PAPERS HAVE ATTACKED MEETING. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH, "EL MOUDJAHID", WROTE JUNE 1: "MEETING CONSTITUTES MARKED INTERFERENCE IN AFRICAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.... BY WHAT RIGHT DOES EUROPE SPEAK ABOUT AFRICA...? DOES IT STILL CONSIDER CONTINENT AS 'TERRA NULLUS' IN WHICH IT CAN PERMIT IT-

SELF ANY AND ALL INTRUSIONS...? DISCRETION HAS ALREADY BEEN ABANDONED IN FAVOR OF BRUTE FORCE--FRECNP PARAS HAVE ALREADY GIVEN EXAMPLE IN ZAIRE. NOTHING IS LEFT BUT TO ATTACH CERTAIN AFRICAN VASSALS TO THIS FORCE SO AS NOT TO SHOCK INTERNATIONAL OPINION TOO MUCH.... IN TRUTH, WEST IS INTERESTED IN AFRICA ONLY TO PERPETUATE ITS OWN INTERESTS, AND NOT TO HELP CONTINENT FACE ITS URGENT AND VITAL PROBLEMS OF UNDERDEVELOPMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND OTHER CALAMITIES.... WEST EVEN HOPES TO ASSOCIATE CERTAIN COUNTRIES WITH PETRODOLLARS IN ITS PLANS.... IT IS USING PRETEXTS WHICH FOOL NONE BUT THOSE WHO WANT TO BE FOLLED -- 'PROTECTION OF TECHNICIANS', STRUGGLE AGAINST SO-CALLED 'COMMUNIST MENACE', CUBAN PRESENCE. BUT WE KNOW THAT CUBA HELPED ANGOLA ONLY TO DEFEND IT AGAINST AGGRESSION BY RACIST REGIME IN PRETORIA...."

3. IN SIMILAR VEIN, GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC "ASH-SHA'B" WROTE JUNE 1: "THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD ... MAKES IT HARD TO DISCOUNT INTENTION OF IMPERIALIST FORCES TO REPEAT CONFERENCE OF BERLIN.... NO MATTER HOW STATES CONCERNED TRY TO PORTRAY PARIS MEETING ... TRUE AIM IS CLEAR: TO COORDINATE WIDE-SCALE IMPERIALIST INTERVENTION IN AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN CONTINENT BY EQUIPPING 'AFRICAN DETERRENT FORCE' ... FOR DOUBLE MISSION -- TO PROTECT CLIENT REGIMES FROM INTERNAL POPULAR UPRISINGS AND TO ENCIRCLE REVOLUTIONARY REGIMES

WESTERN STATES USE SLOGAN OF 'STABILITY', WHICH IN THEIR EYES MEANS PROTECTION OF CLIENT REGIMES AND CONTINUED PILLAGE OF PEOPLES' RICHES. THEY TRY TO CLAIM THEIR INTERVENTION IS JUST TO COUNTER
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'SOVIET AND CUBAN EXPANSIONISM IN CONTINENT', BUT IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT STRUGGLE IS NOT ONE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. TO SAY SO IS DELIBERATE DISTORTION OF LIBERATIONIST CHARACTER OF AFRICAN PEOPLES AND ATTEMPT TO SUPPRESS THEIR STRUGGLE AND INDEPENDENT PERSONALITY."

4. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ORAN DAILY IN ARABIC, "AL-JUMHURIYYA", MAKES SIMILAR CHARGES IN JUNE 3 EDITORIAL: "WEST IS NOT ONLY TRYING TO PRESERVE ITS ENORMOUS ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN CONTINENT, BUT IS ALSO TRYING TO BRING IT INTO STRATEGIC REGION UNDER NATO UMBRELLA.... RABAT IS SENDING ITS TROOPS TO SUPPORT MOBUTO'S REGIME, AND SENEGAL AND GABON ARE ALSO SENDING MILITARY AID, WHILE FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE IS ... ACQUIRING 'LEGITIMACY' FROM REGIMES THAT THEMSELVES HAVE NO LEGITIMATE EXISTENCE BEYOND BAYONETS OF FRENCH PARAS AND BOMBS OF JAGUARS THAT PROTECT THEM. AS FOR FINANCING OF THIS PACT, THERE IS NO LONGER ANY PROBLEM, NOW THAT THOSE WHO BLESSED SADAT'S CAPITULATION HAVE LENT THEIR ENCOURAGEMENT TO FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN AFRICA."

5. GOVERNMENT-OWNED CONSTANTINE DAILY IN ARABIC, "AN-NASR", TAKES SAME LINE IN JUNE 1 COMMENT: "FALL OF DICTATOR RULING IN KINSHASA WOULD BE NEW DEFEAT FOR WOULD BE IMPERIALISM AND FOR THOSE WHO BETRAYED

THEIR PEOPLES AND SOLD THEIR SOULS TO BRING COLONIALISM BACK TO AFRICA.... RECENT SHABA EVENTS ARE NOT FOREIGN AGGRESSION AGAINST SOVEREIGNTY OF ZAIRE, AS WESTERN MEDIA ARE TRUMPETING. THEY ARE STRUGGLE BETWEEN INHABITANTS OF THAT REGION AND WORLD IMPERIALISM OVER NATURAL RESOURCES.... EACH REACTIONARY CLIENT STATE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED ITS MISSION ... AND U.S. ... IS SUPPLYING MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID.... THESE WESTERN INTERVENTIONS IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF AFRICAN STATES NOT ONLY CONSTITUTE ENORMOUS DANGER TO SECURITY AND STABILITY IN AFRICA, BUT ALSO THREATEN WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY."

6. AMPLITUDE AND VEHEMENCE OF MEDIA ATTACK ON PARIS MEETING IS CLEAR INDICATOR OF ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER WHAT IT SEES AS CONCERTED DRIVE TO WEAKEN POSITION OF "PROGRESSIVE" REGIMES OF AFRICA VIS A VIS "REACTIONARY" ONES. GOA SEES MASTER PLAN -- WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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IT SOMETIMES ASCRIBES TO NATO -- BEHIND FRENCH AND OTHER ACTIONS IN SUCH AREAS AS ZAIRE, CHAD, SAHARA, BENIN, MADAGASCAR, CONGO, AND COMORES, AND IT IS ALL THE KEENER TO HAMMER AWAY AT IT DURING VISIT OF BROTHER LEADER QADHAFL. HAYNES

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